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I, the undersigned, Bradley D. Hefta-Gaub, as a joint inventor of the subject application (filed on November 21, 2003) and all claims contained therein, do hereby declare that:

- 1. The subject application, as filed, included thirty-one claims, all of which are currently pending.
- 2. Of the thirty-one pending claims, nine claims (i.e., claims 1, 15, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31) are independent claims and twenty-two claims (i.e., claims 2-14, 16-21 and 23-25) are dependent claims.
- 3. The Medvinsky reference (i.e., U.S. Patent Application Publication No.: 2005/0022019, hereinafter Medvinsky) has a filing date of July 5, 2003.
- 4. The Medvinsky reference is not believed to claim each and every element of the claims of the subject application.
- 5. The subject matter claimed in the subject application was conceived and reduction to practice was diligently pursued prior to the July 5, 2003 filing date of the Medvinsky reference, and such diligent pursuit of reduction to practice continued, without lapse, to the filing date of the subject application.
- 6. Prior to July 5, 2003, the claimed invention of the subject application was disclosed in an Invention Disclosure Form. A true copy of an Invention Disclosure Form is attached as Exhibit A, except that the copy has been redacted to remove all references to dates.

- 7. The partially-redacted copy of the Invention Disclosure Form (i.e., Exhibit A) evidences the conception, and reduction to practice, of the subject matter claimed in the subject application prior to the July 5, 2003 filing date of Medvinsky.
- 8. Being hereby warned that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting Letters Patent issuing thereon, I state that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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